The Medical Colleges located at Rewa, Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh are not located on the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West Corridors of the national highways and as such are not covered under the scheme.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Manufacturing of spurious milk

2261. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent media reports about the spurious milk being manufactured at a large scale in North India;

(b) whether it is a fact that State owned milk producers like Mother Dairy and DMS etc. also procure milk from these vendors;

(c) if so, the details of the precautions these producers take or have taken to ensure that the quality of milk produced by them is genuine; and

(d) the action Government has taken against the spurious milk producers?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The state owned milk producers like Mother Dairy and DMS procure milk from State Cooperative Federations after following strict quality norms before acceptance of milk and their quality control laboratory are fully equipped for testing purity and adulteration of milk.

(d) The Central Government has issued instructions from time to time to Food (Health) Authorities of the States/U.Ts, who are responsible for implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act in their State and U.T. to keep a strict vigil on the quality of milk and milk products and take necessary preventive action under the provision of PFA Act, 1954 and Rules 1955 made thereunder.

MSP of paddy

2262. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures Government is taking or proposing to increase Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of selected crops, including paddy, are fixed every year based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in consultation with States and Central Ministries. For 2008-09, the MSP of paddy (Common) has been increased